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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1538

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, PINS, GB, CD

SUBJ: CHAD: NEGOTIATIONS WITH REBEL LEADERS

REF: NDJAMENA 2124

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BONGO JUNE 8 ON OTHER MATTERS, AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO BONGO'S VISIT JUNE 5-6 TO NDJAMENA AND TO CHAD FONMIN KAMOUQUE'S RECENT VISIT TO LIBREVILLE (REFTEL) AND ASKED HIM WHETHER HE COULD TELL US IF GABON WAS TRYING TO PLAY ROLE IN SUPPORT OF CHAD'S EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO CONSIDERABLE DISSERTATION SAYING THAT AS WE WERE FRIENDLY COUNTRY HE WAS PLEASED TO LET US KNOW OF GABON'S ROLE.

2. BASIS OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S CONCERN IS SOVIET/CUBAN EFFORTS TO DESTABILIZE AFRICA, AND IN THIS CASE SOVIETS  
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ARE USING LIBYANS AS THEIR SURROGATE. HE THEN DISCUSSED CHADIAN DEMOGRAPHY, RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS AND CHAD'S EFFORTS AT INTERNAL RECONCILIATION, NONE OF WHICH WAS NEW. PRES BONGO WISHED TO HELP IN NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR HIS PART HAD THUS FAR ARRANGED FOR THREE MEETINGS IN LIBREVILLE BETWEEN CHADIANS AND FORMER REBEL LEADER ABBA SIDDICK. SIDDICK, HOWEVER, WAS BEING IMPOSSIBEL, PRINCIPALLY

BECAUSE HE WISHED TOP SPOT IN REORGANIZED CHAD GOVERNMENT FOR HIMSELF. GABONESE TOLFSHIM THIS WAS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC SINCE HE REPRESENTED ONLY ONE OF AT LEAST FOUR OPPOSITION FACTIONS AND GABONESE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT HE COULD SPEAK FOR (OR BE ACCEPTED BY) OTHERS. NONETHELESS, UP UNTIL NOW, SIDDICK HAS REMAINED ADAMANT.

3. FONMIN IMPLIED THAT NONETHELESS HIS PRESIDENT WANTED TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO EFFECT RECONCILIATION THAT INCLUDED ALL OF DISSIDENTS. WE THEREFORE SUPPOSE THAT GABONESE WILL KEEP TRYING.TIENKEN

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